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SUBJECT: CHILE CASP

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. AT PRE-IG REVIEW HELD JUNE 5, MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT ALTHOUGH NOT EXPLICIT IN FY-76-77 CASP SUBMISSION, CHIEF U.S. OBJECTIVE IN CHILE REMAINS THAT STATED IN DECISION MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING LAST YEAR'S CASP, VIZ. "THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE RETROGRESSION TO A GOVERNMENT (IN CHILE) HOSTILE TO US INTERESTS IN THE HEMISPHERE," AND THAT ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND POLITICAL STABILITY ARE IMPORTANT FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL.

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2. A LARGE MAJORITY ENDORSED COUNTRY TEAM

RECOMMENDATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM (ISSUE NO. 1):

A CONTRARY VIEW WAS EXPRESSED WHICH HELD THAT EXISTING POLICY HAD NOT PRODUCED DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND TIME HAD COME TO INFORM GOC PRIVATELY THAT USG HEREAFTER WOULD CONDITION ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE ON GOC'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ALSO OF INTERMEDIATE POSTURES IN WHICH USG COULD MAINTAIN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS WHILE DISTANCING ITSELF FROM GOC IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN IFIS, IN THE PARIS CLUB OR IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS TO MAKE CASP RECOMMENDATION MORE EFFECTIVE BY RENEWED HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHE TO GOC ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS.

3. NO REPEAT NO PRE-IG PARTICIPANT ENDORSED PREMISE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS INTEREST PER SE OUTWEIGHED OTHER US INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN CHILE, BUT MEETING - REFLECTED VIEW THAT CHILEAN RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONSTITUTED MAJOR CONSTRAINT ON PURSUIT OF THESE INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES.

PRE-IG'S DISCUSSION OF ISSUE CONSEQUENTLY TURNED ON JUDGMENTAL FACTOR OF WHETHER MAJOR CHANGE IN POLICY OFFERED VALID PROSPECT FOR INDUCING GOC CHANGES OR WHETHER IT WOULD SIMPLY EXACERBATE SIEGE MENTALITY AND REPRESSIVE MEASURES WHILE AGGRAVATING CHILE'S ECONOMIC PLIGHT TO POINT OF SERIOUS INSTABILITY AND POSSIBLE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE. PRE-IG AGREED IMPORTANCE OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS WARRANTED IG CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION OF ISSUE.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE ISSUES WAS DEFERRED IN VIEW THEIR DEPENDENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE RESOLUTION.

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5. EXIM OBSERVED THAT IT DOES NOT COMMIT ITSELF IN ADVANCE TO LENDING LEVELS, ALTHOUGH IT ANTICIPATED CONTINUATION OF MODEST EXPORTER CREDIT COVERAGE.

6. PRE-IG ALSO AGREED THAT THE CASP SUBMISSION'S TREATMENT OF CHILE-PERU TENSIONS MERITS SOME AMPLIFICATION. THIS WILL BE DONE IN THE DEPARTMENT BUT EMBASSY'S VIEWS ARE INVITED ON THIS AND ANY OTHER CASP ISSUES.

7. WE WOULD ALSO EXPECT TO REVIEW CASP WITH AMBASSADOR
POPPER DURING HIS CONSULTATION HERE. IG MEETING WILL TAKE
PLACE AFTER AMBASSADOR'S VISIT. KISSINGER

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